

ower and that his name was Simchah. The poor boy, Treitel by name, was therefore an orphan. There is not a Jewish community that will not take care of a Jewish orphan. The community of Rumshishok took care of Treitel in their own fashion and according to their limited means. The Beth-hammedrash was assigned for his dwelling place. His means of subsistence were to carry the meals for the poor students of the Talmud (commonly called Bachurim) from the houses of their patrons. He would obtain from these students the remainder of their meals, or a piece of bread and a small coin from the good house-wives, some cast-off clothing, oftentimes also some special remuneration from the students for making their beds on the benches of the Beth-hammedrash. In this wise he managed to keep his bones together.

It can easily be imagined that Treitel led a very hard life. The Beth-hammedrash serving also as a place of worship, where people came early in the morning to perform their prayers, and remained late in the night to study the wisdom of the ancient sages, Treitel had to rise at least one hour before day-break, and to lay down very late in the night. The remainder of a beggar's meal is not much of a thing to live on; the cast-off clothing of poor people is not a great protection against the inclemency of the weather; the hard bench of the Beth-hammedrash is not very comfortable as a bed; and the patronage of three or four poor students, whose home is also the Beth-hammedrash, is not quite a luxury. But Treitel managed to get through with all this, and was a hearty, and healthy boy, too.

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(From the Indianapolis Journal.)

### Are There More Than Three Religious Classes?

To the Editor of the Journal:

In your report of Bishop Spalding's lecture delivered last night occurs the following sentiment: "The lecturer then noted the fact that the principle religious divisions of the human family at the present time are Christian, Mohammedan and Buddhist; outside of these three divisions all are savages." What a terrible blow to millions of people to be metamorphosed with one breath into savages! Thousands of readers of the *Journal* who retired last night in the full enjoyments of civilization, little dreaming of the fearful change, found themselves this morning outside the pale of modern civilization and reduced to savages. It were indeed laughable, but for the fact that the speaker is a high dignitary in his church, and hence his utterings should demand the attention of every intelligent man who prizes liberty of conscience above everything else. Savages indeed! So was Mendelssohn a savage, and yet his music resounds in the very halls where the bishop's people worship; so are the Rothschilds savages, and yet the late Pope, Pius IX, had millions on deposit with their banking house; so is Auerbach a savage, and yet millions of people are reading his works with profit and delight; so are Darwin, Huxley, Spencer and their colleagues savages; so are entire communities to be classed as savages for the reason that they do not belong to either of the three divisions mentioned by the bishop. So are millions of Jews savages, and yet they maintain numberless asylums, schools,

colleges and hospitals. So was the great Rachel a savage, and yet the multitude worshipped her almost to idolatry. So is the English premier a savage, and yet he represents England at the international congress. So are the merchant princes of Europe and the United States savages, and yet they control the commerce of the world.

The undersigned is no scoffer at religion, but values it as a great element of human happiness. At the same time when men, who are supposed to be the anointed servants of their Master, can rise in the forum and class millions of their fellow-creatures who have been benefactors to the human race with savages, then indeed may we quote the passage from the New Testament: "Forgive them, Father, for they know not what they do." SAVAGE.

### Local and Domestic.

WE cannot pay any notice to anonymous communications. No communication will be accepted for publication in the *J. A.*, unless it comes from a reliable person, and if by mail, with the full name and address of the writer.

THE "Literary Section" of the "Standard Club" closed for the season with a Soiree and Collation last Thursday evening.

MR. J. A. KOHN, who is so favorably known as the able manager of the School funds, has been renominated by Mayor Heath for another term of office in the School Board.

DAVID EISENDRATH, of this city, the senior brother of the well known and respected family of Eisendrath, died last Friday morning, at the age of 63 years. His funeral which took place on last Sunday, was attended by the Teutonia Lodge, No. 95, K. S. B., which marched out in procession to the graveyard, and by a large number of sympathizing friends of the family. A very impressive funeral oration was delivered by Rev. L. Adler. May God grant peace to his soul and comfort to those who mourn after him. ה' נ' צ' ב' ה'.

MR. S. D. JACOBSON of this city, a native of Scandinavia, was elected member of the Medical Board of the Cook County Hospital.

AT THE semi-annual meeting of the Sinai Literary Society, which was held last Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Marcus Leopold, Pres., Ely B. Felsenthal, Vice Pres., Jas. A. Mayer, Sec., N. A. Mayer, Treas.

Board of Directors:—D. Whitkowsky, Ben. Rosenberg, S. J. Kline, Solomon Moses.

The following complimentary resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, that a vote of thanks be extended to our worthy ex-President, Mr. Ely B. Felsenthal, as a mark of respect and esteem, and in appreciation of the valuable services rendered the Society, and the unabated interest manifested in its progress and welfare.

WE ARE thankful to the "Standard" club for the use of their elegant library, which has been granted us. They keep a valuable selection of English and German secular journals.

NEW YORK. We are informed that since the election of M. Maisner, by the Rivington St. congregation, much un-

pleasantness has arisen in the congregation, owing partly to the preacher's efforts to retain German as the language of the school, instead of employing the vernacular.—Whether the preacher has religious scruples against using the English language, or whether he is unable to study it, it is laughable at this late day for even an Hungarian rabbi to utter his *dictum* against English.

—CINCINNATI. Samuel Fechenbach, sixty years old, died on the 13th inst. after a protracted illness. The deceased was for many years sexton of the Sherith Israel congregation here, always faithfully discharging his duties, leading a quiet and benevolent life.

The Talmid Yelodim Institute after its annual examination remains closed to September 1st., the other Sabbath schools give no vacations.

The audiences in the temples on Saturday morning are still very large, although the usual summer exodus has commenced already. Friday evening lectures have been suspended to be resumed in October next.

The Allemania Society is getting a new building corner Fourth street and Central avenue erected for them by Mr. Reuben Springer on a long lease. The building will be opposite the Grand Hotel.

—ST. LOUIS. On Sunday, June 2d, a very interesting occurrence took place at the residence of Mr. Henry Lyon. Rev. Messing officiated at the accepting within the fold of Judaism, Mrs. Mathilda, wife of an esteemed co-religionist, James S. Davis. Mrs. Davis, raised and confirmed as a member of the German Methodist Church, was married to her husband by a Justice of the Peace about ten years ago.

—WASHINGTON, D. C. The representation having been made to the subcommittee having the sundry civil appropriation bill in charge, that the Israelites had no representation on the proposed bureau of charities for the District of Columbia, the Senate subcommittee agreed on an amendment to add to those of the names already selected A. S. Solomon and Simon Wolf.

Hon. Simon Wolf, formerly Recorder of Deeds, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace of the District of Columbia.

—HOUSTON, TEXAS. The Jewish congregation, having chosen Rev. J. Voorsanger, of Providence, as its minister, recently elected the following officers: President, H. S. Fox; Vice-President, A. Harris; Secretary, M. Raphael; Treasurer, E. Raphael; Trustees, S. Rosenfeld, J. Richman, Robert Cohn, S. Stern, and L. M. Kuh.

—GALVESTON, TEXAS. Rev. Mr. Blum intends to make a trip through the State this summer and organize Sunday Schools in a few places, like Brenham, Waco, Fort Worth.

—DALAS, TEX. At a regular congregational meeting on the 2d inst., Rev. Aaron Suhler was re-elected by a large majority for the ensuing year. He has officiated in that congregation for the past two years as minister and teacher, and during that time has gained many friends, not alone among the Israelites, but in the community at large.

The Sabbath school has also flourished during the past term. Rev. Suhler has been ably assisted in giving the little ones religious instruction by four young ladies, Misses Alice Levy, Sallie Binswanger, Amelia Cahn and Hattie Lieber.

—MACON, GA. Owing to the fact that the Jewish congregation of this city has, at present, no regular minister, Mr. Jacob Siesel, an officer of the congregation, conducted the confirmation ceremonies on Friday, the first day of Shevuoth. The following children were confirmed: Master D. Einstein, Miss Mollie Waterman, Miss Gussie Peyser, Miss Lola Landsberg, Miss Emma Brown, Miss Josephine Weichselbaum, Miss Alice Waterman, Miss Ida Einstein, and Master Charles Davidson. The confirmands acquitted themselves very creditably.

—MEMPHIS, TENN. The new medical college has become a fact. It is called Memphis Hospital Medical College and Medical Department Southwestern Baptist University, for Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi. The building will be finished in September next, and offers all the necessary facilities. The faculty consists of fifteen professors, of which Dr. W. E. Rogers is the Dean. Dr. Julius Wise, the son of Rev. Dr. Wise, of Cincinnati, is the Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics. The college will in a short time become the *Alma Mater* for a large number of medical students preparing to practice medicine in the South.

—DENVER, COL. Rev. Marx Moses, minister of the Hebrew congregation, has tendered his resignation to take effect August 10th, 1878.

—A MISSOURI writer says: "If a boy ten years of age starts on the western prairie with ten sheep, and permits them to multiply until he is twenty-one years of age, he will then be rich. When the boy is eighteen years of age he may receive a collegiate education from the proceeds of the sale of his wool, and also employ a boy shepherd to take care of his sheep. Ten sheep in Missouri cost \$25; the fall of the year being the best time to buy them. Ten ewes and one lamb will produce ten lambs in the spring, and in June from \$15 to \$20 worth of wool. The mechanic exchanges his labor for money, the farmer his produce. When a farmer sleeps, his stock and farm crops are growing, but just as soon as the mechanic lays down his tools he is running behind for rent, clothing and fuel."

—LOUIS HOOD, an Israelite, and a senior at Yale college, took the De Forrest medal for superiority in oratory at a competition at Yale on Friday last. His subject was "The Ancient and Modern Jew."

### Foreign News.

#### Germany.

—In the sitting of the 28th ult., the municipal council of Frankfurt have adopted a resolution to denude the benevolent institutions of that city of the religious character which Christianity had hitherto imposed upon them, and to which all applicants for assistance had to comply.

—The Jewish community of Posen has proven its loyalty to Emperor Wilhelm by offering thanksgivings to God, whose providence had saved the life of the "anointed" from recently attempted assassination. Rev. Dr. Veilchenfeld preached an eloquent sermon on that occasion.

—The society "Schomer Israel" of Lemberg has issued a call for a general convention of all Jewish congregations